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Executive Summary

The House completed its work on the FY2006 Defense Appropriations Bill (HR 2863) issuing House Report 109-119. The House Appropriations Committee, Defense Subcommittee reported out their bill on 7 June 2005 and the full committee adopted the report on 10 June 2005. The House passed the bill on 20 June 2005.

The Senate Appropriations Committee reported its bill to the Senate floor on 29 September. The bill was passed by the Senate on 7 October. The bill will now go to conference with the House to resolve the differences between the House and Senate versions.

For the full text of H.R. 2863 and associated committee reports, please visit our homepage at: <http://www.ngb.army.mil/LL/>

The following chart summarizes the amounts reflected for the National Guard:

<i>Dollars in Thousands</i>	FY05	FY06 Request¹	House Mark (?)	Senate Mark (?)	Conference Result (?)
Army National Guard					
Endstrength	350,000	350,000	--	--	
AGRs	26,602	27,345	--	+51	
Technicians	26,676	27,163	--	--	
Military Personnel	\$5,467,656	\$5,122,794	-309,400	-567,000	
Operations & Maintenance	\$4,058,342	\$4,509,719	+24,000	-81,600	
NGREA	--	--	--	+152,000	
Air National Guard					
Endstrength	106,800	106,800	--	--	
AGRs	12,253	13,089	--	+34	
Technicians	23,306	23,321	--	--	
Military Personnel	\$2,326,091	\$2,300,032	-23,500	-174,000	
Operations & Maintenance	\$4,424,096	\$4,724,091	-6,785	-42,800	
NGREA	--	--	--	+150,000	

Note: Senate increases in AGRs (+51, +34) are to support CBRNE Teams

The bill included the following items of interest:

- House and Senate supported across-the-board pay raise of 3.1% and an increase in BAH to maintain FY05 initiative to eliminate out-of-pocket housing expenses
- The House provided language deleting the National Guard and Reserve Equipment Account. The Senate, however, included NGREA for the ARNG and ANG (\$152M and \$150M, as well as \$1.3B as an amendment by Senators Leahy & Bond)
- The House recognized the Army's Modular Force transition and provides for transition funds within this bill. The ARNG will contain 34 Brigade Combat Teams under this bill.
- The Senate provided an increase in AGR positions in the Army and Air National Guard (54 and 34, respectively) specifically to support CBRNE.
- The Senate provided an increase by \$1.3B to the NGREA as an amendment from Senators Patrick Leahy (D-VT) and Christopher "Kit" Bond (R-MO).

¹ Amounts differ from HRpt 109-119 since the BAH and SFRM was not considered in the House version but was placed in the House Military Construction and Quality of Life bill.

Title I—Military Personnel

Guard Forces Supported

The House bill provides for the following Guard force structure:

	FY04	FY05	FY06
ARNG Guard Divisions			
Light	1	1	1
Infantry	1	0	0
Mechanized	4	4	3
Medium	2	2	1
	8	7	5
ARNG Non-Combat Units			
Armored Cavalry Units	1	1	0
Separate Brigades	17	14	10
	18	15	10
ARNG Modular Forces			
Units of Employment Y	0	0	0
Units of Employment X	0	1	3
Brigade Combat Team Heavy	0	2	6
Brigade Combat Team Infantry	0	1	3
STRYKER	0	1	1
Aviation	0	0	13
Sustainment Brigade	0	0	5
Fires Brigade	0	0	1
Maneuver Enhancement Brigade	0	0	3
Battle Field Surveillance Brigade	0	0	0
	0	5	35
USAF Fighter and Attack Squadrons²			
ANG	37	36	37

Army

The fiscal year 2006 budget request is designed to support the Army transformation to a Modular Force (10 Active Units of Employment, 36 Active Brigade Combat Teams, and 21 Active Support Brigades by fiscal year 2006) and Active forces yet to be transformed, consisting of 3 divisions and 1 separate brigade. The reserve Modular Force will transform by fiscal year 2006 with 3 Units of Employment, 10 Brigade Combat Teams, 26 (4 USAR) Support Brigades and forces yet to be transferred consisting of 5 divisions and 10 separate brigades. These forces provide the minimum force necessary to meet enduring defense needs and execute the National Military Strategy. At end state, the active Army force will contain 43 Brigade Combat Teams, the Army National Guard will contain 34 Brigade Combat Teams and the Army Reserve will contain 11 Support Brigades (8 Sustainment, 3 Maneuver Enhancement).

Air Force

The fiscal year 2006 Air Force budget request is designed to support active, guard, and reserve forces, including 87 combat coded fighter and attack Squadrons and 8 combat coded strategic bomber squadrons. The ICBM force maintains 550 launch facilities with 500 Minuteman missiles, with the Peacekeeper missile force completing deactivation in fiscal year 2005. The budget also supports our critical airlift mission, including 23 active duty airlift squadrons. To accomplish the Air Force mission, the 2006 budget supports a total force end strength of 538,200.

² Numbers of squadrons above reflect combat coded units only

Army National Guard, Personnel

<i>Dollars in thousands</i>	<i>Budget Request</i>	<i>House Mark (?)</i>	<i>Senate Mark (?)</i>	<i>Conf (?)</i>
Budget Activity 1, Unit and Individual Training				
Pay Group A Training (15 days & drills)	1,602,858	--	--	
Pay Group F Training (Recruits)	315,333	--	--	
Pay Group P Training (Pipeline Recruits)	30,767	--	--	
School Training	300,499	-300,499	--	
Special Training	211,114	-211,114	--	
Administration and Support	2,436,257	-2,436,257	--	
Education Benefits	225,966	-225,966	--	
Total, Budget Activity 1	5,122,794	-3,173,836	--	
Budget Activity 2, Other Training and Support				
School Training	--	+300,499	--	
Special Training	--	+211,114	--	
Administration and Support	--	+2,436,257	--	
Educational Benefits	--	+225,966	--	
Total, Budget Activity 2	--	+3,173,836	--	
Undistributed Adjustments				
Unobligated Balances		-11,600	-271,400	
Reserves Cost Avoidance		-297,800	-297,800	
Less Basic Allowance for Housing ³		-453,690		
Lewis and Clark bicentennial activities	--	--	+2,200	
Total, National Guard Personnel, Army	5,122,794	-309,400	-567,000	

Senate Mark Details**Reduced Out-of-Pocket Housing Costs.**

The Committee supports the required increase in Basic Allowance for Housing [BAH] funding to sustain last year's Defense Department initiative to eliminate out-of-pocket housing costs for military members.

Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Commemoration Support.

Army National Guard funds designated for the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Commemoration in this appropriation and in the Operation and Maintenance, Army National Guard appropriation are to provide ceremonial, educational, safety, security, and logistics support.

³ Under House Military Quality of Life and VA Appropriations

Air National Guard, Personnel

<i>Dollars in thousands</i>	<i>Budget Request</i>	<i>House Mark (?)</i>	<i>Senate Mark (?)</i>	<i>Conf (?)</i>
Budget Activity 1, Unit and Individual Training				
Pay Group A Training (15 days & drills)	877,728	--	+100 ⁴	
Pay Group F Training (Recruits)	65,630	--	--	
Pay Group P Training (Pipeline Recruits)	457	--	--	
School Training	155,452	-155,452	--	
Special Training	90,829	-90,829	--	
Administration and Support	1,036,885	-1,035,885	+1,100	
Education Benefits	74,051	-74,051	--	
Total, Budget Activity 1	2,300,032	-1,356,217	+1,200	
Budget Activity 2, Other Training and Support				
School Training		+155,452	--	
Special Training		+90,829	--	
Administration and Support		+1,035,885	--	
Educational Benefits		+74,051	--	
Total, Budget Activity 2		+1,356,217	--	
Committee Recommended Adjustments				
Unobligated Balances	--	-3,500	-165,600	
Reserves Cost Avoidance	--	-20,000	-10,00	
Less Basic Allowance for Housing ⁵	---	-248,317	--	
Total, National Guard Personnel, Air Guard	2,051,715	-23,500	-174,400	

House Mark Details**Expedited Service Member Naturalization**

The House notes with interest past efforts of the Department of Defense and the Department of Homeland Security to expedite the citizenship naturalization process for service members in accordance with Presidential direction (Executive Order 3 July 2002) and Congressional guidance and intent (P.L. 108-136, title XVII). The Committee, however, remains concerned that efforts have proceeded slowly and service members still routinely deploy operationally with naturalization requests still pending. Accordingly, the Committee directs the Department of Defense to submit a report, not later than 120 days after the date of enactment of this Act, detailing efforts to notify all non-citizens in the active duty and Reserve components of the expedited citizenship process; and to shepherd these service member through the process to ensure that all cases are resolved prior to a service member's deployment.

⁴ Pay Group A and Administration and Support adds are intended for the 166th Information Operations Squadron with adds to lines 29650 and 29850 respectively.

⁵ Under House Military Quality of Life and VA Appropriations

Senate Mark Details**Guard and Reserve Cost Avoidance**

The Committee recommends a reduction of \$430,600,000 to the budget request for the Guard and Reserve fiscal year 2006 military personnel accounts. The Government Accountability Office (GAO) found that updated monthly strength data, when compared to the monthly strength data in the fiscal year 2006 budget, had strength levels lower than budgeted, resulting in the above funds not being needed for the Guard and Reserve components.

Title II—Operations and Maintenance**Army National Guard, Operations and Maintenance**

<i>Dollars in thousands</i>	<i>Budget Request</i>	<i>House Mark</i>	<i>Senate Mark</i>	<i>Conf</i>
Land Forces, Divisions	600,818	--	-5,100	
Corps Combat Forces	530,869	--	--	
Corps Support Forces	322,856	--	--	
Echelon Above Corps Forces	606,026	--	-1,500	
Land Forces Operations Support	26,077	--	-4,300	
Force Readiness Operations Support	227,670	--	+17,500	
Land Forces Systems Readiness	126,496	--	+10,200	
Land Forces Depot Maintenance	255,367	--	--	
Base Operations Support	610,219	+20,000	-5,900	
Facilities Sustainment, Restoration and Modernization ⁶	391,544	--	+10,000	
Management & Operational HQs	406,794	--	--	
Miscellaneous Activities	65,363	--	-15,800	
Total, Budget Activity 1	4,170,099	+20,000	+5,100	
Staff Management (Administration)	111,552	--	-6,800	
Information Management	52,814	+1,000	-4,000	
Personnel Administration (Manpower Management)	50,653	--	--	
Recruiting and Advertising	124,601	--	--	
Total, Budget Activity 4	339,620	+1,000	-10,800	
Undistributed Amounts				
Angel Gate Academy	--	+3,000	--	
National Emergency and Disaster Information Center	--	+2,000	--	

⁶ Under House Military Quality of Life Appropriations

<i>Dollars in thousands</i>	<i>Budget Request</i>	<i>House Mark</i>	<i>Senate Mark</i>	<i>Conf</i>
Joint Training and Experimentation Program	--	+4,000	--	
NG Global Education Project	--	+500	--	
Advanced Emergency Medical Response Training Program	--	+2,500	--	
Homeland Operational Planning System	--	+10,000	--	
Unobligated Balances	--	-48,100	-35,900	
ERP for Army Guard Installations	--	+2,000	--	
Regional Geospatial Service Center	--	+1,000	--	
Community Emergency Response/Analysis Center	--	+1,000	--	
Strategic Biodefense Initiative	--	+10,000	--	
Advanced Starting Systems	--	+500	--	
Internal Airlift, Helicopter Slingable Units	--	+4,000	--	
Advanced Solar Covers	--	+3,200	--	
Civil Support Team Trailer Program	--	+1,000	--	
RCAS	--	+5,000	--	
FL NG Operation Safe at Home Program	--	+2,100	--	
Less Facilities Sustainment, Restoration and Modernization	--	-391,544	--	
Cost Avoidance for Mobilized MilTechs	--	--	-40,000	
Baseline adjustment for one-time increase (line 10)	--	--	-5,100	
Baseline adjustment for one-time increase (line 40)	--	--	-1,500	
Baseline adjustment for one-time increase (line 50)	--	--	-4,300	
BLSS Kit-PASGT retro fit suspension system	--	--	+2,500	
Extended Cold Weather Clothing System	--	--	+2,000	
Joint Interagency Training Center-East	--	--	+10,000	

<i>Dollars in thousands</i>	<i>Budget Request</i>	<i>House Mark</i>	<i>Senate Mark</i>	<i>Conf</i>
Operator driving simulators	--	--	+3,000	
Information technology continuity of operations	--	--	+7,200	
Regional Geospatial Service Center	--	--	+3,000	
Hawaii Wireless Interoperability Network	--	--	+500	
Communicator Automated Emergency Notification System	--	--	+2,500	
Baseline adjustment for one-time increase (line 90)	--	--	-8,900	
Facility Needs at National Guard Training Center, Ft Stewart	--	--	+10,000	
Baseline adjustment for one-time increase (line 120)	--	--	-18,300	
Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Commemoration Support	--	--	+2,500	
Baseline adjustment for one-time increase (line 130)	--	--	-6,800	
Baseline adjustment for one-time increase (line 140)	--	--	-4,000	
Total, O&M, Army National Guard	4,118,175	+24,700	-81,600	

Senate Mark Details

Information Operations

The Senate is aware that the Air and Army National Guard Information Operations programs have given the National Guard an entirely new capability to fight along with active duty forces. The program trains and supports Guard and active duty units capable of protecting critical infrastructure and conducting information operations. The Committee understands that this mission is still emerging within the entire military and encourages the National Guard Bureau to identify funding within existing resources to continue these important Air and Army National Guard programs during fiscal year 2006.

Operations and Maintenance, Air National Guard

<i>Dollars in thousands</i>	<i>Budget Request</i>	<i>House Mark</i>	<i>Senate Mark</i>	<i>Conf</i>
Aircraft Operations (see note below)	2,938,127	+9,315	+4,300	
Mission Support Operations	497,447	--	-6,600	
Depot Maintenance	612,807	--	--	
Facilities Sustainment, Restoration and Modernization ⁷	169,791	--	--	
Base Support	467,517	--	-7,500	
Total, Budget Activity 1	4,685,689	+9,315	-9,800	
Administration	28,949	--	--	
Recruiting and Advertising	9,453	--	--	
Total, Budget Activity 4	38,402	--	--	
Undistributed Amounts				
Cost Avoidance for Mobilized MilTechs	--	--	-8,000	
Unobligated Balances	--	-22,100	-25,000	
Distributed Training Technology Project	--	+3,000	--	
Eagle Vision	--	+2,000	--	
Less Facilities Sustainment, Restoration and Modernization	--	-169,791	--	
166 th Information Operations Squadron	--	--	+1,500	
Combat Arms Training System (CATS)	--	--	+5,000	
Baseline adjustment for one-time increase	--	--	-2,200	
National Guard State Partnership program	--	--	+2,500	
Baseline adjustment for one-time increase	--	--	-9,100	
Baseline adjustment for one-time increase	--	--	-7,500	
Total, O&M, Air National Guard	4,724,071	--	-42,800	

⁷ Under House Military Quality of Life Appropriations

House Mark Details

Note: Aircraft Operations reflected a total increase of \$9,315,000. This amount was further specified as below:

- Aircraft Operations--\$5,000,000
- Aircraft Operations/Training Capability Upgrade--\$315,000
- Aircraft Operations/Air Refueling Operational Support--\$4,000,000

Training Capability Upgrade

The House recommends an increase of \$315,000 above the budget request to upgrade and enhance training for the 139th Airlift Wing associated with increased demands of night vision training operations.

Moffett Federal Field

The House recommends an increase of \$1,000,000 above the budget request for advanced video surveillance equipment for the monitoring of Moffett Federal Airfield.

Operations and Maintenance, Defense Wide

<i>Dollars in thousands</i>	<i>Budget Request</i>	<i>House Delta</i>	<i>Senate Delta</i>	<i>Conf</i>
National Guard Youth Challenge Program	--	--	+15,000	
CA NG Youth Challenge Program	--	+2,000	--	
Citizen Soldier Support Program	--	+5,000	+2,000	
DoD Starbase Program	--	--	+1,000	
		+7,000	+18,000	

National Guard Youth Challenge Program

The House recommends an increase of \$2,000,000 above the budget request to prepare facilities at Joint Forces Training Base Los Alamitos to expand the California National Guard Grizzly Program. The Senate provided \$15,000,000 above the budget request for the entire program.

Title III-Procurement

Procurement, Army

The following items where those specifically identified for the Army National Guard:

<i>In thousands</i>	<i>House Delta</i>	<i>Senate Delta</i>	<i>Conference Delta</i>
Other Procurement, Army			
AN/PRC-150 HF Radio for Army Guard & Reserve	+10,000	--	
Profit Block 1 System - TIARA	+7,500	+3,000	
Blast Booths and Paint Boots for KS National Guard Sustainment Maintenance Site	+1,800	--	
Construction Equipment SLEP for AR and ARNG	+15,000	--	
Digital Deployed Training Campus Program (ARNG)	+10,000	--	
Up-armored HMMWV & Tactical Truck Crew Trainers (OHARNG)	+1,000	--	
Up-armored HMMWV and Tactical Truck Trainers for the ARNG	+5,000	--	
Combat Arms Training System (ARNG)	+2,000	+4,000	
Tabletop Gunnery Trainers and Full-fidelity Trainers for the ARNG	+3,000	--	
AB-FIST for the ARNG	+3,000	--	
SHF Term (National Guard C4ISR Enhancement)	+7,500	--	
Network (SMM-CCTN) for MN Army Guard	+1,000	--	
Radio, Improved HF Family (Guard and Reserve)	+10,000	--	
FMTVs, Light Medium Tactical Vehicle (ARNG)	--	+4,000	
FHTVs/Movement Tracking System	--	+1,600	
RCAS (Pacific IT Infrastructure Improvement Program)	--	+7,000	
Joint force Wireless Redundant Communications- ARNG	--	+5,000	
Alaska Land Mobile Radio	--	+7,000	

The House bill included the following specified amounts for Guard and Reserves in Service accounts:

Army National Guard

- UH-60 Blackhawks, \$580,650,000 for 45 aircraft for Army and ARNG
- Weapons and Tracked Combat Vehicles, \$614,800,000
- Ammunition, \$119,000,000
- Other Procurement Army, \$765,400,000

Air National Guard

- Aircraft Procurement, \$380,000,000
- Ammunition, \$164,800,000
- Other Procurement, Air Force, \$135,800,000

Note: Committee added \$75,000,000 for 4 UH-60 Blackhawks for the Army Reserve.

Procurement, Air Force

The following items were those specifically identified for the Air National Guard:

<i>In thousands</i>	<i>House Delta</i>	<i>Senate Delta</i>	<i>Conference Delta</i>
Aircraft Procurement, Air Force			
ANG Block 42 F-16 Engine Upgrade	+15,000	+30,000	
F-16 Advanced Identification Friend or Foe (AIF) Interrogator	--	+8,000	
ANG F-16 Block 30 DMOC/Simulator	--	+15,000	
C-130J – Restore 7 aircraft	--	+417,617	
C-5 Avionics Modernization Program for the ANG and AFRES C-5 Units	+5,400	+15,000	
AFFS for Western States Fire Fighting for ANG and AFRES	+12,000		
JSTARS Re-engining	+13,500		
F-15 APG-63(V)3 Radars for F-15s	+52,200		
F-15E Additional Aircraft	--	+65,000	
AESA Attrition Reserve Array and Low Rate Test Equipment	+20,000	--	
F-15 E Kit Modifications	+2,000	--	
HH60G Weapon System Trainer/Operation Flight Trainer	--	+2,000	
Senior Scout Intelligent Communications Exploitation (ICE) Program	--	+5,000	
Scathe View Communications Upgrade Program	--	+5,000	
Emergency Vision Assurance System for ANG Tankers	--	+3,000	

<i>In thousands</i>	<i>House Delta</i>	<i>Senate Delta</i>	<i>Conference Delta</i>
Other Procurement, Air Force			
Secure Wireless LAN Infrastructure for Point of Maintenance 126th Air Refueling Wing (IL ANG)	--	+2,000	
Air National Guard Network Operations and Security Center	--	+1,000	
Delay for Joint Threat Emitters for Joint National Training Capability	--	-8,000	
Joint Threat Emitter	+1,000		
AAFS Pilot Project at McEntire Air Base	+3,000	--	
Eagle Vision	+3,000	--	
Digital Deployed Training Campus for ANG	+3,500	--	
Life Support Radio Test Sets for ANG	+2,000	--	
EST 2000 Trainers for the Air National Guard	+3,600		
Combat Arms Training (CATS) for ANG	+4,000		
Air Conditioners – ANG Survey Systems	+1,000	--	

National Guard and Reserve Equipment Account (NGREA)

<i>In thousands</i>	<i>House Delta</i>	<i>Senate Delta</i>	<i>Conference Delta</i>
National Guard Equipment Account			
Army National Guard	--	+152,000	
Air National Guard	---	+150,000	
Leahy/Bond Amendment ⁸	--	+1,300,000	
	--	\$1,602,000	

House Mark Details

F-15 Active Electronically Scanned Array Procurement

The House has provided an additional \$72,200,000 to begin procurement of APG-63(V)3 radars. Of the funds provided, \$20,000,000 is to procure low rate factory specialized test equipment fund array verification and procure one APG-63(V)3 array that can be used for attrition reserve for the Alaska F-15C squadron. The remaining funds, \$52,200,000, are to procure 6 systems for Air National Guard F15s. Funds have also been included in Research, Development, Test and Evaluation, Air Force for continued development of these radars to increase capability.

⁸ Amendment (SA 1901) offered by Senators Patrick Leahy (D-VT) and Christopher "Kit" Bond (R-MO) adds \$1.3B to the NGREA account for the National Guard for homeland security response equipment. The motion passed by voice vote.

Airborne Firefighting Systems (AFFS)

The House notes the drastically decreased availability of commercial firefighting aircraft and applauds the Department of Defense for its willingness to provide assets to assist states in mitigating the impact of wild fires. The Committee is concerned, however, that even though Congress has for three years provided funding specifically for the development and procurement of a replacement for the obsolete Modular Airborne Fire Fighting System used by Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve units to fight wild fires for more than 30 years, the designated replacement system, Airborne Fire-Fighting System (AFFS) has yet to be fielded. As civilian airborne assets become increasingly unavailable, expedited AFFS fielding for C-130J aircraft has become a critical issue for western States and other regions routinely afflicted with massive wild fires.

Senate Mark Details**C-130J/KC-130.**

The President's budget requests \$98,983,000 in procurement funds for the Air Force C-130J program and \$1,092,743,000 to procure 12 Marine Corps KC-130 aircraft. In addition, the budget proposes termination of the program after fiscal year 2006. Since submission of the President's budget, the Secretary of Defense has notified the Congress of his intent to reverse this termination decision. The Committee is pleased that the Secretary has chosen to reverse this decision and recommends a more appropriate and executable distribution of the requested funding. The Committee recommends \$447,296,000 for procurement of six KC-130s and \$71,000 for advance procurement for an additional six aircraft in fiscal year 2007. In addition, the Committee recommends \$516,600,000 for procurement of seven C-130J aircraft and advance procurement funds for nine aircraft in fiscal year 2007.

Army Aviation.

The advent of Army modularity and the termination of the Comanche program in fiscal year 2005 presented the Army with a considerable challenge in how to both modernize and restructure the overall aviation force during a time of war. Since being presented with this challenge, definite progress has been made in defining force structure requirements and establishing aviation modernization plans to meet those requirements. The Army is currently endeavoring to properly validate requirements, establish programs of record and develop technologies that promise the capabilities necessary to operate successfully in a wartime environment. However, due to the amount of time required to effectively establish sound aviation acquisition programs, the Army has had to make imperfect decisions about the redistribution of resources from the Comanche program.

One example is the Armed Reconnaissance Helicopter [ARH] program. The President's budget requests \$70,000,000 for procurement of ARH aircraft. However, based on the unanticipated need to integrate additional capabilities into an "off-the-shelf" helicopter and the ongoing refining of cost estimates, the Army has requested and the Committee recommends transferring the \$70,000,000 requested to the "Research, Development, Test and Evaluation, Army" appropriation. The President's budget also requests \$108,000,000 to procure 33 Light Utility Helicopters [LUH]. However, the overall program is still awaiting approval of an official acquisition strategy and a positive Milestone C decision. Therefore, based on overall program immaturity and underexecution of resources previously provided, the Committee recommends reducing the budget request by \$45,000,000. The Committee understands that the Army is likely to require additional budgetary and programmatic changes necessary to achieve its aviation modernization goals and encourages the Secretary of the Army to keep the Committee informed of its plans.

National Guard and Reserve Equipment (NGREA)

The House provided funds for National Guard and Reserve forces consistent with the budget request and has earmarked funds within the procurement accounts as requested. The House

considers the earmarks in the bill designating dollar amounts for the Guard and Reserve components as a floor rather than a ceiling. Accordingly, the House provided language deleting the NGREA account.

However, the Senate added \$150,000,000 for the ANG and \$152,000,000 for the ARNG to the NGREA.

Equipment Reset and Reconstitution

The Committee understands that both the Army and Marine Corps face significant financial commitments to reset their equipment in light of operations in Iraq and Afghanistan. Unfortunately, the extent of these requirements has not been articulated to date. Accordingly, the Committee directs the Secretary of the Army and the Secretary of the Navy to each provide a report to the congressional defense committees, to accompany the fiscal year 2007 Department of Defense budget request, that provides the best current estimate of the requirements to reset combat, logistical and support equipment items of all types supporting operations in Iraq and Afghanistan. This report shall detail requirements associated with replacing combat losses, assets destroyed, lost because they are no longer economically repairable, and equipment required to reconstruct prepositioned equipment sets.

Title IV—Research, Development, Test and Evaluation

RDT&E, Air Force

<i>In thousands</i>	<i>House Delta</i>	<i>Senate Delta</i>	<i>Conference Delta</i>
242 ATAS ANG Mobile Approach Control System (MACS)	--	+17,250	

RDT&E, Defense Wide

<i>In thousands</i>	<i>House Delta</i>	<i>Senate Delta</i>	<i>Conference Delta</i>
Combating Terrorism Technology Support			
CBRNE Force Response Element-Education, Development, Operations, and Mitigation (FREEDOM)	+2,000	--	
Weapons of Mass Destruction Education and Training	+2,500	--	
Critical Infrastructure Protection	+2,000	--	
Advanced Emergency Medical Response Training Program	--	+3,000	

Title VI—Other Department of Defense Programs (Counterdrug)

The House provided a total of \$895,741,000 which was \$11,200,000 above the President's budget.

<i>In thousands</i>	<i>House Delta</i>	<i>Senate Delta</i>	<i>Conference Delta</i>
Drug Interdiction and Counterdrug Activities, Defense			
Southwest Border Fence	+5,000		
Multi-Jurisdictional Counterdrug Task Force Training	+3,500		
FL NG Counterdrug Activities	+3,000		
IN NG Counterdrug Activities	+1,000		
NV NG Counterdrug Activities	+3,500	+3,500	
AK-NG Counterdrug Program	--	+3,000	
HI NG Counterdrug Program	--	+3,100	
Appalachia High Intensity Trafficking Area	--	+2,000	
WV NG Counterdrug Program	--	+3,000	
KY NG Counterdrug Program	--	+3,600	
NV NG Counterdrug RAID Program	--	+3,500	
NM NG Counterdrug Program	--	+4,000	
Regional Counterdrug Training Academy, Mississippi	--	+1,500	
Northeast Regional Counterdrug Training Center	--	+4,000	
Midwest Regional Counterdrug Training Center	--	+6,000	
National Guard Counterdrug Support	--	+25,000	
National Guard Counterdrug Support Activities ⁹	--	+40,000	

⁹ Amendment (SA 1896) offered by Sen. Mark Dayton (D-MN) which was passed by the Senate on 6 October 2005 by unanimous consent

Title VIII—General Provisions

House Bill

SEC. 8045. None of the funds available in this Act may be used to reduce the authorized positions for military (civilian) technicians of the Army National Guard, the Air National Guard, Army Reserve and Air Force Reserve for the purpose of applying any administratively imposed civilian personnel ceiling, freeze, or reduction on military (civilian) technicians, unless such reductions are a direct result of a reduction in military force structure.

SEC. 8047. Funds appropriated in this Act for operation and maintenance of the Military Departments, Combatant Commands and Defense Agencies shall be available for reimbursement of pay, allowances and other expenses which would otherwise be incurred against appropriations for the National Guard and Reserve when members of the National Guard and Reserve provide intelligence or counterintelligence support to Combatant Commands, Defense Agencies and Joint Intelligence Activities, including the activities and programs included within the National Intelligence Program, the Joint Military Intelligence Program and the Tactical Intelligence and Related Activities aggregate: *Provided*, That nothing in this section authorizes deviation from established Reserve and National Guard personnel and training procedures.

SEC. 8058. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Chief of the National Guard Bureau may permit the use of equipment of the National Guard Distance Learning Project by any person or entity on a space-available, reimbursable basis. The Chief of the National Guard Bureau shall establish the amount of reimbursement for such use on a case-by-case basis. (b) Amounts collected under subsection (a) shall be credited to funds available for the National Guard Distance Learning Project and be available to defray the costs associated with the use of equipment of the project under that subsection. Such funds shall be available for such purposes without fiscal year limitation.

SEC. 8072. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Chief of the National Guard Bureau, or his designee, may waive payment of all or part of the consideration that otherwise would be required under 10 V.S.C. 2667, in the case of a lease of personal property for a period not in excess of 1 year to any organization specified in 32 V.S.C. 508(d), or any other youth, social, or fraternal non-profit organization as may be approved by the Chief of the National Guard Bureau, or his designee, on a case-by-case basis.

SEC. 8087. (a) In addition to the amounts provided elsewhere in this Act, the amount of \$6,000,000 is hereby appropriated to the Department of Defense for "Operation and Maintenance, Army National Guard". Such amount shall be made available to the Secretary of the Army only to make a grant in the amount of \$6,000,000 to the entity specified in subsection (b) to facilitate access by veterans to opportunities for skilled employment in the construction industry. (b) The entity referred to in subsection (a) is the Center for Military Recruitment, Assessment and Veterans Employment, a nonprofit labor-management co-operation committee provided for by section 302(c)(9) of the Labor-Management Relations Act, 1947 (29 U.S.C. 186(c)(9)), for the purposes set forth in section 6(b) of the Labor Management Cooperation Act of 1978 (29 U.S.C. 175a).

Senate Bill

SEC. 8018. *Procurement Adjustment*. The committee includes a new provision that reduces the "Other Procurement, Army appropriation. The Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act for Defense, the Global War on Terror, and Tsunami Relief, 2005 (Public Law 109-13) provided additional funding in this account to accelerate the pace of Army equipment acquisitions planned in fiscal year 2006. This action was taken to ensure units supporting upcoming rotations in Iraq

and Afghanistan were adequately equipped. The adjustment included in this provision reflects the acceleration of funding in Public Law 109-13.

SEC 8070. *Use of National Guard Forces.* The committee includes a new provision that allows the National Guard to support missile defense functions.

SEC. 8070. Notwithstanding section 12310(b) of title 10, United States Code, a Reserve who is a member of the National Guard serving on full-time National Guard duty under section 502(f) of Title 32 may perform duties in support of the ground-based elements of the National Ballistic Missile Defense System.(HR 2863)

SEC. 8067. Relocation of Forces.—The Committee includes a new provision outlining force relocation reporting requirements. The Committee notes that the 2005 Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission recommendation establishes Cannon Air Force Base, New Mexico as an enclave and directs the Secretary of Defense to seek other newly-identified missions with all military services for possible assignment to Cannon Air Force Base, New Mexico. The Committee further notes that the period for seeking such new missions extends until December 31, 2009. In adhering to the Commission's mandate, the Committee expects the Department to engage in a comprehensive assessment of new missions that continues until all viable missions for Cannon Air Force Base—including joint use missions by the armed forces—have been thoroughly reviewed.

SEC. 8115. Emergency Response.—The Committee recommends a new provision requiring OMB to submit a report on improving Federal response to disasters.

Senate Amendment Passed – Miscellaneous

S.A. 1882 – Offered by Sen. Conrad (D-ND) makes available an additional \$130M for the procurement of Predator unmanned aerial vehicles

S.A. 1887 – Offered by Sen. Salazar (D-CO) renames the death gratuity payable for deaths of members of the Armed Forces as “fallen hero compensation”

S.A. 1896 – Offered by Sen. Dayton (D-MN) makes available up to \$60M for O&M Defense-wide for certain childcare services and family assistance centers for member of the Armed Forces and their families as well as \$40M for National Guard counterdrug support activities

S.A. 1942 – Offered by Sen. Landrieu (D-LA) makes available \$10M for Operations and Maintenance, Air Force and \$20M Other Procurement, Air Force for the implementation of IMT-2000 3G Standards Based Communications Information Extension capability for the Gulf States and key entities within the NORTHCOM area of responsibility

S.A. 1964 – Offered by Sen. Murray (D-WA) requires a study improving the transition assistance services of the Department of Defense and other benefits for members of the National Guard and Reserve

S.A. 1970 – Offered by Sen. Dodd (D-CT) improves the authority for reimbursement of protective, safety, and health equipment purchased for members of the Armed Forces deployed in Iraq and Central Asia

S.A. 2001 – Offered by Sen. Hatch (R-UT) expresses the sense of the Senate regarding the investment of funds as called for in the Depot Maintenance Strategy and Master Plan of the Air Force

S.A. 2005 – Offered by Sen. Coburn (R-OK) curtails waste spending under the Department of Defense web-based travel system

S.A. 2012 – Offered by Sen. Boxer (D-CA) to provide for a Department of Defense task force on mental health

S.A. 2016 – Offered by Sen. Shelby (R-AL) prohibits the transfer of authority on tactical unmanned aerial vehicles (TUAV) from the Army as well as giving Army retention of responsibility for and operation control of Extended Range Multi-Purpose (EERMP) Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) in order to support the Secretary of Defense in matters relating to the employment of unmanned aerial vehicles.

S.A. 2030 – Offered by Sen. Talent (R-MO) provides for the procurement of an additional 42 C-17 aircraft

S.A. 2042 – Offered by Sen. McConnell (R-KY) recognizes U.S. military personnel serving in Afghanistan and Iraq

Title IX—Additional Appropriations

Title IX provides funds for operations as a “bridge fund” for the first six months of fiscal year 2006 in order to ensure the uninterrupted delivery of resources to our troops in the field. The following chart reflects the amounts for the National Guard:

<i>In thousands</i>	<i>House Delta</i>	<i>Senate Delta</i>	<i>Conference Delta</i>
Personnel, Army National Guard			
Initial Entry Training	+67,000	--	
Recruiting and Retention Bonuses and Incentives	--	+130,500	
Schools	--	+62,500	
Active Guard and Reserve	--	+34,000	
National Guard CERFP teams	--	+5,300	
Personnel, Air National Guard			
National Guard CERFP Teams	--	+5,300	
Operations and Maintenance, Army National Guard			
Recruiting and Advertising	+147,000	+147,000	
NG Family Support Centers	+12,500	+12,500	
Medical Readiness Screening	--	+31,000	
CERFP Teams	--	+5,800	
All Terrain Military Utility Vehicles (M-GATOR)	--	+5,000	
Operations and Maintenance, Air National Guard			
CERFP Teams	--	+3,400	
Medical Readiness Screening	--	+10,000	
Aircraft Procurement, Air Force			
ANG F-16/A-10 Litening	--	+10,000	

General Provisions

Section 9011 provides that the Secretary of Defense may present promotional materials, including a United States Flag, to military members who participate in Operations Enduring Freedom or Iraqi Freedom.

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